

**DISTRICT 4 & 5 MACo MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2006
CHINOOK SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
CHINOOK, MT**

PRESENT: Cascade County Commissioners Peggy Beltrone, Lance Olson & Joe Briggs; Liberty County Commissioner Russ Tempel; Pondera County Commissioners Cynthia Johnson, Joseph Christiaens & Sandra Broesder; Toole County Commissioners Ben Ober & Allan Underdal; Hill County Commissioners Kathy Bessette & Doug Kaercher; Teton County Commissioners Arnie Gettel & Joseph Dellwo; Chouteau County Commissioners Harvey Worrall & Ken Evans; Blaine County Commissioners Arthur Kleinjan and Dolores Plumage; Blaine County Clerk & Recorder, Sandra L. Boardman; Congressman Rehberg's Rep., Seth Broesder; Representative Edith Clark; MACo Representatives, Harold Blattie, Sheryl Wood and Ray Barnicoat; Vic Miller with HRDC Directors Assn.

Art Kleinjan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes from the May 17, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Corrections were made to minutes to read that Harvey Worrall was nominated as District 4 Chairperson and Arnie Gettel was nominated as District 5 Chairperson. Cynthia Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes as amended with Harvey Worrall seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on the MACo Resolutions for 2006. Harold Blattie led the discussion on 2004-11 Clarifying the Status of Fences Attached to Bridges, 2004-15 Equitable PILT Distribution, 2006-02 Interim Study of Special Purpose Districts and 2006-13 Appointment Rights to an Airport Authority. Resolution 2006-11 on Mail ballots was discussed and Sandra Boardman answered questions.

Peggy Beltrone had requested for MACo to support the 211(Statewide Crisis Center) Proposal. Harold Blattie suggested to Peggy to prepare a resolution and submit.

Vic Miller, representing the HRDC Directors Assn. thanked MACo for their support on the Resolution.

Doug Kaercher reported for Bill Kennedy with the Health and Human Services Committee on the pre-commitment costs and he would like the support of the group. The consensus of the group was in favor to support.

Harold Blattie reported on two issues that are in interim committees. The two items were: Study Fire Related Statutes and LC4000 on the Growth Policy.

Harold Blattie also explained the County Attorney Salary Bill which will be carried by the Dept. of Justice. Harold stated that a copy of it will be in the packets at the September Conference in Bozeman.

There were no additional nominations for MACo 2nd VP.

Ray Barnicoat gave an update on the Insurance Trust. Ray mentioned that they will be interviewing soon for his replacement. Ray reported that they will be traveling around the state this fall and meeting with Law Enforcement regarding the policies and the Revised Jail Standards.

Sheryl Wood reported on the Vendor Sponsorship Program and stated that MACo is looking for new sources of revenue and would really appreciate any help to locate new vendors for the conferences.

Discussion on the problems with the county extension agents and the MSU Extension Service. Cynthia Johnson had commented on the problems that Pondera County is having and would like some suggestions.

Chouteau County inquired as to if there is something they could do regarding animal control in unincorporated towns. Zoning was mentioned as an option.

Doug Kaercher, MACo President, reported on NACo items.

There was some discussion on Pipeline Properties. Harold Blattie reported that he had met with the DOR and stated that NACo is also watching this issue.

Arnie Gettel mentioned the Ag Land Reappraisal. Harold Blattie stated that DOR Director Bucks will be at the September Conference and maybe could answer any questions regarding this.

Harold Blattie reported that the Administrative Assistant position had been filled and that Marie McAlear has officially retired and will be filling in until her position had been filled.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,